

SDCC General Meeting Agenda - Monday October 27, 2008

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Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall (parking in back, on side streets and across Shore Drive)

Program/Presentation – No planned presentation. There is a good chance that a few candidates will be present and we will allow them a couple minutes each to impress us.

The general agenda for the evening will be:

Officer's Reports - Brief Reports

Secretary - Tim

Treasurer's Report - Leslie

Vice President & President - Daphne & Todd

Old Business-

Indigo Dunes Project – Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) completed their recommendation and submitted it along with responses to the public comments to the State Water Control Board (WCB) on Sept 30th. The WCB hearing set for October 17th was deferred at the request of the applicant (the Sandlers). A new hearing date has not been set, but the next WCB hearing will take place on Dec 3rd & 4th. The applicant must notify the WCB no later than Nov. 5th if they want to be placed on the agenda. SDCC is working with our attorney, Richard Whitemore and some college law students on position statements and possible appeal processes.

Lynnhaven Boat Ramp (LBR) Proposed Spoils Transfer Station – All Mayor and City Council candidates were opposed to using the LBR as a transfer station and supported having multiple sites in the areas where the dredging supports. Lee Shuler FOIA'd the City and received a bridge impact study that says if a fully loaded barge traveling at 2 knots were to hit the bridge pillar, the pillar would fail. Just imagine what would happen if it hits at the actual speeds we all know are there (5-6 knots). The study was dated Oct 3rd, 2 days after the SDCC forum. Is the City still pursuing the LBR as a possible site?

City Council Candidate Forum– SDCC and OPCL held a Candidate Forum on Wednesday Oct 1st at Baylake United Methodist Church. About 120 residents came to hear 14 of the 15 candidates answer 9 questions pertaining to the Shore Drive area. If you attended, the SDCC would like to have you comment on the forum, good or bad, so we can capture ideas for the next one in 2 years.

SDCC Officer Nomination Committee – The nominating committee finalized the candidate list for 2009. The following people will be running for 2009 SDCC Office. They are currently unopposed, however, the SDCC by-laws allow nominations to be made from the floor with the nominees consent. Elections will be held at the November SDCC General Meeting. All members are eligible to vote.

President – Grace Moran; Vice President – Steve Kohler; Treasurer – Leslie Cornwell; Secretary – Todd Solomon; Information Officer – Tim Solanic (Honorary Officer)

New Business -

Update on Lesner Bridge Replacement – Figg, the new bridge design consultant, was in town performing interviews regarding bridge alignment. Residents of 3556 were contacted and found out that current plans have the new bridge being placed to the north. The bridge will come right next to 3556's access road. SDCC needs to discuss taking a formal position on the bridge width. Should the bridge be built 8 lanes wide as currently planned or should it be reduced to 6 lanes wide? (Both plans only have the road striped for 4 lanes). Figg wants the 8 lanes so they can maintain 4 lanes of traffic during all phases of construction. A 6 lane wide bridge would only allow 3 lanes during construction.

Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Update – The BAC discussed plans to move ahead with neighborhood signage to be part of each demonstration project. The signs will be minimal design and consistent. Something that shows the theme of the live oak. BAC is also deciding if the Shore Drive area should be included in the City strategic growth areas (SGA) in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Being an SGA may bring more funding to the area, but may also designate us as an area that wants high density development.

Virginia Beach Neighborhood Conference – One key discussion held dealt with the intersection of Kendall and Shore Drive. Traffic engineers were asked to look into lowering the speed limit from N. Great Neck to First Landing State Park. They were also asked to look at a flashing light triggered by a car at the stop sign and/or pedestrian push buttons.

The City's New Comprehensive Plan – Based on the BAC's position, should SDCC take a position on our area relative to the Comp Plan? Lynnhaven River NOW has also submitted a position paper.